



Senator Jack Hill

Senate District Four



Jack Hill of Reidsville, a Republican, was first elected to the Georgia Senate from the 4th District in 1990. Hill is Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, and also serves on the Ethics, Natural Resources and the Environment, Regulated Industries and Utilities, Education and Youth, and Rules committees. Past Chairmanships include: K-12 Education, Ethics and Higher Education.

Senator Hill has emerged as a respected leader in the area of rural economic development. He headed the Senate Rural Policy Study Committee which recommended a package of economic development legislation adopted by the 1992 and 1993 General Assemblies, including an expansion of the state's job tax credit aimed at spurring new and expanded industry in economically depressed areas of the state.

Senator Hill also chaired the Senate Rural Hospital and Health Care Study Committee, which highlighted the plight of rural hospitals and has worked tirelessly through the years to help save community hospitals. He also led efforts to increase reimbursement rates through restructuring as "critical access hospitals".

Senator Hill has shown a strong interest in voting reform and eliminating fraud in voting. Hill originally authored the "Voter ID" legislation which returned accountability to a voting process weakened by motor voter registration changes. He has opposed the limiting of I.D. forms recently passed by the Legislature. He has been a proponent of "Early Voting" legislation which he introduced in 1999. Early voting was eventually passed as part of the package of federally mandated election reform.

Additionally, Senator Hill authored and passed legislation in 1999 which will help insure that other lists are used in drawing a jury pool. Clerks of Court are now required to use additional sources including driver's license information.

He successfully sponsored legislation in the 1993 General Assembly which requires state government to take a leadership role in encouraging recycling and sets goals for the purchase of recycled materials, and passed updating legislation in 1998. This legislation was strengthened in 1998.

Senator Hill also sponsored legislation in the 1995 General Assembly which adds a five percent surcharge to fines imposed in criminal cases to fund local victims' assistance

programs and authored a constitutional amendment that has created regional industrial parks.

As Appropriations Chairman, he led the Senate in changing the budget process in Georgia to a results-based form. His efforts to base funding on clearly defined purposes and measurements, "Program Budgeting" has been introduced to state budgeting and the result is Georgia has joined more progressive states utilizing this approach.

As part of legislative leadership, Hill joined Governor Perdue's efforts to react to the 2001, 2002, and 2003 recession and led Georgia through a period of declining revenues without increasing taxes, (except in tobacco). Georgia has maintained a "Triple A" Bond rating, the highest rating awarded.

Human Services have greatly benefited from Senator Hill's leadership. Developmentally Disabled waiver slots have been increased by 1,500 slots this year. The Senate led the way in amending the 2006 Amended Budget to provide funds for families declared ineligible for the "Katie Beckett Waiver".

Georgia Southern University and technical schools in the Fourth District have received over \$200 million in capital outlay funding during his tenure. He is quick to add that the entire local delegation worked to secure these funds.

Hill has been a long-time proponent of Georgia's Public Libraries. He pushed for the renewal of capital outlay funds for new and renovated libraries. In 2005, he led an effort to create a \$2 million renovation and repair fund which began a process of modernizing libraries under a priority list developed by the State Library Board. In 2006, he led the way in securing \$2 million in Joint Senate/House onetime funding for books and materials for libraries across the state.

Hill served for 33 years in the Georgia Air National Guard as a unit commander and as State Inspector General. He retired from the United States Air Force Reserves as a Reserve Forces Officer assigned to the Selective Service System with 37 years total service.

An active community leader, Hill is the former chairman of the Tattnall County Development Authority, a Lion and Rotarian.

Born July 15, 1944, in Reidsville, Senator Hill graduated from Reidsville High School and Georgia Southern College. He is an independent grocer. Senator Hill and his wife Ruth Ann, a retired elementary school principal, are the parents of three children and five grandchildren and are members of the Reidsville Baptist Church.

The 4th Senatorial District includes: Bulloch, Candler, Effingham, Emanuel, Evans, Tattnall and Treutlen counties.

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